(a) whether there is not a Government Order confirming A. R. Subramania Ayyar as an Assistant Professor on Rs. 125—200;

(b) is the order in force now; if not, what became of it?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—(a) There was an order to that effect.

(b) It was subsequently cancelled.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is stated here that there was an order which confirmed Mr. A. R. Subramania Ayyar as Assistant Professor on Rs. 125 to 200. It is also stated that it is not now in force. What became of that order?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It must be as a result of some individual representation made by others that the order was kept in abeyance.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— May I know when the original order confirming him in the 125—200 grade was passed by the Government?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It was in 1105. It was the idea of the Government to give effect to this from 1105, the date of the general revision.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Is there not a vacancy on Rs. 125—200 at present?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes. There is.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—When did it occur?

President.—It is not relevant to this question.

Confirmation of Mr. A. R. Subramania Ayyar.

210. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there has not been a recent order of the Government that Mr. A. R. Subramania Ayyar would be confirmed in the grade of Rs. 125—200 in the next vacancy;

(b) when was this order passed;

(c) was not this an order passed considering the case of all eligible for confirmation in that grade;

(d) has not a vacancy occurred in the above grade subsequent to the order in (a);

(e) why then is Mr. A. R. Subramania Ayyar not confirmed in that grade?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—(a) Yes.

(b) 21st December 1932.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) The question is under consideration.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is stated that the question is under consideration, that is, the question of confirmation of Mr. A. R. Subramania Ayyar is under consideration. May I know when the permanent vacancy on Rs. 125-200 occurred?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai—On 21st December 1932.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—That is the date of the Government order.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The vacancy must have occurred when late Mr. Sivarama Ayyar died and that is in January.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Am I to understand that the question of filling up that permanent vacancy, in the face of the order given by the Government to the effect that Mr. Subramania Ayyar will be confirmed in the next vacancy, was engaging the attention of the Government for the last seven months? We have got the clear facts that Mr. Subramania Ayyar will be confirmed in the very next vacancy that occurs. Within a few months there comes, as a result of the sad demise of Mr. Sivarama Ayyar, a vacancy. How is it that the Government has been considering that matter all these 7 months?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—I will explain the whole case.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In answer to (c) it is stated 'yes'. Now within a few weeks after the date on which Government gave the order to Mr. Subramania Ayyar that he will be confirmed in the very next vacancy, there ocurred a vacancy. You have taken 7 months and yet your consideration is not over. I should get the information on that point.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—The only explanation that I can give is that there is a principle involved there—whether a higher qualification acquired by another member, who once, as the Civil List showed, had reason to think that he was senior to Mr. Subramania Ayyar, whether that should be considered and if so, that principle can be considered and given effect to. There are certain practical difficulties there; but in spite of that, I think it is time for the Government to consider it and it is receiving the urgent attention of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can we take it that he is to be confirmed?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai—I should think so.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Has he been in the College before and then left it?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes, he was.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—What was the reason for his leaving the College ? Was there any charge against him ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—There was no charge. He was offered higher emoluments elsewhere.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What was the reason that prompted the Government to reinstate him ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—He had some teaching experience and at that time we wanted a Chemistry graduate to be in independent charge of the Intermediate work and so he was re-entertained.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was there any one in the department with a higher qualification than Mr. Subramania Ayyar ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether he was appointed a second time when the First Grade College was opened ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—At that time was there not dearth of candidates for filling up the post ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—There was no dearth of candidates but the few candidates available demanded higher salaries.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was not the demand for higher salaries accepted by the Government ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It was not accepted by the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was not Mr. Subramania Ayyar also taken into service on a higher salary than the salary that was obtained at that time by the person whose claims are now under consideration ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes. He was given a higher salary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was he not confirmed earlier in the higher grade than the present candidate ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has he been acting in a higher grade all along?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Has there been any dearth of candidates for the last 20 years ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—So far as Chemistry graduates are concerned there was a dearth, because the Presidency College is the only College that even now takes students for higher degree in Chemistry and they were rather very careful in the admission of students, so much so even if some of our students wanted to acquire higher qualifications in Chemistry

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they had to go away from Madras to foreign Universities, such as the Benares Hindu University. There was that difficulty and consequently we could not get one on the salary that we could offer in those days. But to-day it has entirely disappeared and we have got even persons with very high qualifications willing to come for the salaries that we can afford.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What is the qualification of Mr. A. R. Subramania Ayyar ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—He is a second class Graduate in Chemistry with some teaching experience.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was he not a student of the Madras University ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—He has been an examiner both for Intermediate and B. A. Is it not ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—Yes.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—What is the pay of Mr. Subramania Ayyar in that post ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—He is officiating in Rs. 125—200 grade and draws Rs. 147.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—What is the pay of the rival candidate ?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—He was officiating in the grade of Rs. 125—200, but just now he stands reverted to Rs. 80—125.

Cars in Chittur—insistence on G. permits.

211. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they consider cars which run specials on hire as taxis ;

(2) whether they are aware that many cars which run as specials do not have the G. permit in Malabar ;

(3) if so, why the cars which run specials are compelled to take G. permits in Chittur ;

(4) do the Government realise that cars of Chittur run more on British roads than on those of Cochin ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) All cars that run for hire are taxis.

(2) Government have no information on the point.

(3) Rule 31 (1) of the Motor Manual requires it.

(4) Definite information is not available.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—(4) Does not the Government know that there is only one mile to the north to reach the British boundary ? What is the distance between the British boundary and the Chittur public offices ?

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